

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 399

By Rose

A RESOLUTION to honor Agent Michael Thomas of the West Tennessee Drug Task Force's interdiction team on making 2020's largest dangerous drug seizure.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in paying tribute to those outstanding law enforcement officers who have demonstrated great passion and determination in carrying out their appointed mission to rid Tennessee of dangerous drugs and violent crime; and

WHEREAS, Agent Michael Thomas of the West Tennessee Drug Task Force's (WTDTF's) interdiction team recently received an award from the six-state Gulf Coast High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) for making 2020's largest dangerous drug seizure, an 8.8-pound haul of Fentanyl; and

WHEREAS, the Gulf Coast HIDTA aims to reduce illegal drug trafficking through the coordinated efforts of some 932 agencies in its region along the major drug corridors of I-40, I-10, and I-20 to the Mexican border, including Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, on assignment from the Memphis Police Department, Agent Thomas is a valuable member of the WTDTF interdiction team; he and his colleagues conducted more than 140 stops last year while patrolling Interstate 40 in Shelby, Fayette, and Haywood counties; and

WHEREAS, their efforts resulted in a number of significant seizures with a total street value of more than \$100 million; and

WHEREAS, Agent Thomas and his colleagues frequently apprehend persons wanted for murder, rape, and other violent crimes, and their investigations have uncovered human trafficking, credit card and identity theft rings, and a host of other crimes; and

WHEREAS, without regard for his personal safety, Agent Michael Thomas works with purpose and commitment on a daily basis to remove deadly drugs and violent criminals from our communities, and he is richly deserving of our approbation on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Agent Michael Thomas of the West Tennessee Drug Task Force's interdiction team on making 2020's largest dangerous drug seizure in the Gulf Coast HIDTA and salute his ongoing dedication to protecting and serving his fellow Tennesseans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.